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SUBJECT: ROY JENKINS APPOINTED SHADOW HOME SECRETARY

REF: LONDON 12794

1. ROY JENKINS, WHO WAS VOTED BACK INTO THE SHADOW CABINET EARLIER THIS MONTH (REFTEL), HAS ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT AS SHADOW HOME SECRETARY REPLACING SHIRLEY WILLIAMS. MRS. WILLIAMS HAS BEEN GIVEN A NEWLY CREATED PORTFOLIO ON PRICES, COST OF LIVING, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION. HER WRIT INCLUDES THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OVERSEEING PRICES HITHERTO EXERCISED BY PETER SHORE.

2. HAROLD WILSON HAS OTHERWISE LEFT HIS FRONT BENCH

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LINEUP UNCHANGED. SHORE REMAINS WITH MICHAEL FOOT

JOINT PARTY SPOKESMAN ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. FRED PEART  
REMAINS PARTY SPOKESMAN FOR DEFENSE DESPITE HAVING  
BEEN VOTED OUT OF THE SHADOW CABINET.

3. COMMENT: THE SUBSTITUTION OF JENKINS FOR WILLIAMS  
SOLVES WILSON'S PROBLEM OF FINDING A SUITABLY PRESTI-  
GIOUS POSITION FOR THE FORMER DEPUTY LEADER WITHOUT  
UPSETTING HIS MAJOR RIVALS. AT THE SAME TIME IT PROPELS  
SHIRLEY WILLIAMS INTO A KEY SPOT FOR TRYING TO WIN THE  
HOUSEWIVES' VOTE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION. WHAT  
THIS LIMITED MOVE DOES NOT DO, HOWEVER, IS SATISFY  
GROWING BACKBENCH DEMANDS FOR REVITALIZED LEADERSHIP.  
LABOR'S DISMAL SHOWING IN THE NOVEMBER 8 BY-ELECTIONS  
HAS PROVOKED MUCH SOUL-SEARCHING WITHIN THE PARTY, BUT  
NO CLEAR RECIPE FOR REGAINING THE CONFIDENCE OF THE  
ELECTORATE.

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